

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE PCT NATIONAL STAGE APPLICATION OF
PATRICE BUJARD ET AL
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/EP03/09269

Group Art Unit:

Examiner:

FILED: AUGUST 21, 2003

FOR: COLORED GLOSS PIGMENTS HAVING
AT LEAST ONE COATING OF SIOX, WITH
 $X = 0.03$ TO 0.95 FOR USE IN COSMETIC
AND PERSONAL CARE FORMULATIONS

U.S. APPLICATION NO:

35 USC 371 DATE:

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicants respectfully submit the present Preliminary Amendment to place the instant claims in better condition for examination on their merits.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any necessary fee or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 03-1935.